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Micro Chemical Company in Winnsboro is Ready for Reuse

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Micro Chemical Company celebrated the completion of a Ready for Reuse project in Winnsboro yesterday. Micro Chemical was awarded a determination letter and certificate by DEQ and EPA signifying that the Micro Chemical property in Winnsboro is Ready for Reuse.

A Ready for Reuse Determination is an acknowledgment that environmental conditions on the property are protective of human health and the environment based on its current and anticipated future use.

The property covered by this Ready for Reuse Determination, encompassing approximately 3.8 acres, is located at 3393 Front Street in Winnsboro. The property, which was used to formulate, blend and package agricultural and other specialty chemicals, was operated by Micro Chemical from 1954 until Sept. 30, 2008.

“Micro Chemical has put forth a great deal of effort to ensure that this property meets state and federal regulations on the clean up,” said Peggy Hatch, DEQ Secretary. “Their work is a fine example of the Ready for Reuse program and how it brings environmental and economic benefits to the state, as formerly contaminated land is put back into productive use.”

“We are pleased to partner with the LDEQ on this project,” said Carl Edlund, Director of EPA Region 6’s Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division. “The Ready for Reuse Determination will help promote reuse of the property by providing information regarding the work that was performed on the site, while ensuring that conditions on the property are safe for its intended use.”

With this Ready for Reuse Determination, DEQ and EPA Region 6 agree that Micro Chemical Company has successfully completed cleanup activities, and the environmental conditions at the property are protective of human health and the environment based on its current and planned future commercial and/or industrial uses.

For more information about DEQ’s voluntary remediation program, please visit www.deq.louisiana.gov or www.epa.gov to learn about EPA’s Land Revitalization Action Agenda.